



the **TREE LINE**

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September 2013

Upcoming Events

Sept 21 2-5pm **Mentorship Meeting** St. Philip Neri 2408 SE 16th Ave

Sept 24 7-9pm **BSOP Monthly Meeting** St. Philip Neri 2408 SE 16th Ave

Sept 25 9am-1pm **Bob Shimon Workshop** St. Vincent Room, St. Philip Neri
2408 SE 16th Ave p.2 for details

Oct 5 10am - 2pm **OSK Max's** Fanno Creek Brew Pub, Tigard

Important Changes and Opportunities

Our **Relocation Committee**, after an exhaustive search, has made its recommendation for our new location. Within the next week you will receive a packet with details of the search criteria, the top five sites considered, the committee and board's recommendation and map. The committee reviewed over 40 sites and compared site locations to a map of the distribution of our members. Our bylaws require a membership vote on this decision. After receiving your packet, please direct any questions to me. We will address questions briefly at our September meeting and put the recommendation to a vote at that time. A schedule for a work party and the actual move will follow.

We also have a few changes in programs. Keith Wingfield will be stepping down as Chair of our **Membership Committee**. Keith has done an exceptional job at that position. It's now time for someone else to take leadership of this vital service. I have spoken to several people willing to help, but we are still looking for someone to step up and take charge of the program. A shared leadership role is also a possibility. Please contact me if interested in learning more.

Finally, we have a leadership opportunity for our **Heritage Program**. Bob Laws has also done a masterful job of managing this important service. Again, we have volunteers to help, but need one person to take the lead. Contact me if you would like to discuss this role.

Our organization has always enjoyed excellent volunteer support. Our continued success is a shared responsibility requiring leaders who can spare a few extra hours a month. Please consider these opportunities and contact me with your thoughts and ideas.

Chas Martin

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

With the Falling Leaves: Falling Temperatures, Swarming Swifts, and Tall Redwoods

What a summer it has been! I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy some of the great Northwest's natural beauty during peak hiking season. I spent some time in the Siskiyou, the Ochocos, and of course our awesome Mt. Hood. I went swimming in a mountain lake, I saw a just-hatched dragonfly. I saw many of you at the club picnic, hosted by Dave and Donna Burnett (what fun that was--thanks again Dave and Donna!). I got married to my beautiful wife, Leah. (There was a bonsai on our altar.) It was a very good summer!

As I write this, I'm seeing acorns ripening, zigzagging squirrels eyeing every patch of soil (including bonsai pots) as a potential nut hole, and the first leaves turning and falling. I hear the leaves are going to turn early because we had a hot summer and the trees are stressed. I believe it!

So hopefully our own trees have survived the summer heat without us adding to their stress. Did you lose any trees? I hope not, but never fear if you did, because our September meeting represents an opportunity to not only learn some great new bonsai wisdom, but to acquire some good new bonsai stock.

So get ready for the falling temperatures, and don't forget to watch the Vaux's swifts swarm the chimney at the Chapman School in NW Portland before it gets frosty. (Audubon Society has info on this amazing natural phenomenon.)

Redwood Master Bob Shimon Comes to BSOP

Bonsai has its little ironies. One of them is that the world's tallest tree, namely the Coast Redwood (native to California and Oregon), is also one of the most ideal trees for bonsai: It has great bark, sprouts easily from old wood, adapts well to life in a pot, is relatively pest-free, and has really small needles.

Two people--Bob Shimon and his son, Zach, from Mendocino Coast Bonsai--are personally responsible for providing 99 percent of best wild-collected Coast Redwoods to the bonsai world. They also provide pretty much all of the Mendocino Pygmy Cypress and many of the best Sierra junipers, and some great coast live oaks. So we are fortunate that Bob is coming up to Portland later this month.

Bob will be our guest demonstrator for our monthly club meeting on **Tuesday night, September 24**. Not only will he be showing us what to do with a Coast Redwood, but he will also have a truckload of Coast Redwood bonsai stock and possibly some Sara Rayner pots and display slabs.

Bonsai material and supplies donated by the estate of Tom Jackson, recently deceased, will also be available for sale at the meeting. Some of the material include bonsai stands, a collected Douglas-fir clump, a large boxwood, a Toyo Nishiki flowering quince, a large Birds-nest Spruce--at least 22 different tree selections will be available for silent auction. (Thanks to **Lee Cheattle** for his loving care of these trees.)

Bring-Your-Own-Tree Intensive Wednesday, September 25

The day after Bob does a Redwood demonstration for our Tuesday night meeting, he will also be offering a four-hour intensive at St. Philip Neri in the St. Vincent Room from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Priced at a very reasonable \$50, this workshop represents the opportunity to spend four hours with one of the West Coast's most authoritative voices on collected material.

You can bring any species you wish to work on.

Here are the details:

Bring-Your-Own-Tree workshop with Bob Shimon of Mendocino Coast Bonsai

Wednesday, September 25

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Philip Neri, St. Vincent Room

\$50 per person, **limited to eight participants**

No food will be served--bring your own munchies.

RSVP ASAP: Please email Al Polito: politomail@gmail.com with subject line SHIMON RSVP including your name, phone number, and how many people you are reserving for. Space will be reserved on a first-email-sent, first-served basis.

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Oregon Shohin Kai

The September 7th meeting of the Oregon Shohin Kai featured olives, which are “just right for pruning and wiring” at this time of year, according to BSOP member Greg Brenden, who lead the discussion. Greg brought several examples of two species, *Olea oleaster* and *Olea europa*, ranging from rock plantings to beautiful pots... and being Greg, an upside down pot and a tuna can. We learned horticulture requirements, styling techniques, and had a good session on wiring. Many of us went home with cuttings, which Greg says are easy to root. Thanks, Greg!

The next meeting of OSK will be the first Saturday in October, the 5th. We have no official topic, but will just work on our trees, a program fondly called “Whack & Chat” by BSOP members. It will officially be Fall, and early October is time to think about protecting your bonsai for the winter. There is plenty of light pruning, weeding, and general clean-up to be done. Also, this is a great time to bring in your problem tree(s?) to get suggestions from other OSK members. Current plans are to meet again at Max’s Fanno Creek Brew Pub – to be confirmed prior to meeting time.

Mark your calendars for November 2, 2013, when Lee Cheatle will present a program on larch. If you have any questions about OSK, contact Jan Hettick at janhettick@comcast.net or 503-504-7760.

Jan Hettick

September 2013 Mentorship News

After a long, hot and dry summer, the recent rain showers and cooler temperatures are quite welcome. Before we know it, fall will be upon us and another, different cycle of care for our beloved trees will commence. Now is the time to start considering your trees, evaluating the impact of this past growing season, and planning the fall and winter care that will be required. First and foremost is the transition to a fall fertilizing schedule of **0 - 10 - 10** to prep the trees for their coming dormant period. Then of course will come the winter season of planning (and fantasizing) about how beautiful our trees will be next spring.

Our September Mentorship program will be the long awaited and highly requested "Build Your Own Turn Table". This is the same program that was offered at the 2012 PNBCA Convention and was so successful and popular. Scot Tice will be leading the program with assistance from Steve and Deb Wilcox, Lee Cheatle and I. Due to the fact that we will be using some power woodworking tools and making a bit of a mess, the class will be offered at the home of Steve and Deb Wilcox, rather than at St. Phillip Neri Church.

STEVE AND DEB'S ADDRESS IS 2860 S.W. 175TH AVENUE, ALOHA, OREGON 97006. THEIR HOME PHONE IS 503-848-2638. THE CLASS WILL RUN FROM 2:00 P.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013. IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKSHOP, PLEASE RSVP TO KEITH AT 503-538-6118 OR AT keithwingfield@aol.com. THERE IS A FEE FOR THIS CLASS TO COVER THE COST OF MATERIALS TO BUILD THE TURNTABLES.

And lastly, this will be my final article as the Chairman of the Mentorship Program of BSOP. I appreciate and have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many of our newer members and to work with them on developing their skills at and understanding of bonsai and its many facets. Whomever the Board recruits to take over from me will have my full support and cooperation to continue to advance and improve this program which is at the core of BSOP's mission.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Steve and Deb Wilcox, Scot Tice, Lee Cheatle, Scott Elser, Lyle Feilmeier, Dave and Donna Burnett, Diane Lund, and Barbara Strack for their help and assistance in presenting the Mentorship Programs over the past 2 1/2 years. BSOP is a richer and healthier organization for their individual commitments of time, talent, energy and materials. I could not have successfully carried out the mentorship programs without their help.

Finally, in this hectic, stress filled world of ours where we do not seem capable of functioning without our cell phone, i-phone, i-pad, tablet or laptop, do yourself and your trees a favor. Set aside some time each day, free of all the noise and distractions of modern life, and give yourself and your mind a mental health break. Visit and look at your trees with your mind clear and undistracted; you will be surprised at what your trees will tell and show you. You will also be surprised at how much better you will feel. May your trees grown strong and prosper always.

Best Regards,

Keith Wingfield

Recycle Wire

Please bring your used copper wire to the monthly meetings. Roger Case will have a five gallon bucket available to collect used copper wire to turn in for cash for the club. Take advantage of the fact that he has volunteered to do this for the club to generate income for BSOP.

BSOP Summer Picnic 2013

Our annual Summer picnic was held at *daybreak gardens*, hosted by Dave and Donna Burnett assisted by their son Joel. Spacious green lawns were available for seating and potluck tables. Shade canopies made for a pleasant lunch while chatting with bonsai friends. Wooded trails helped members work up an appetite. There was ample parking even though attendance was way up from recent years. It was good to see more folks taking advantage of this fun event. A big **thank you** to Dave and Donna for all the work and preparation to create a picnic success.



Perfect Picnic Spot



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More Serious bonsai discussions

Pacific Northwest Bonsai Convention 2013

We have the convention information up on our website here www.inlandbonsai.com , and we have set it up so that people can register on line, so no need to print and mail registration forms. There is still a version of the registration form that can be printed and mailed for those who prefer to do that.

As you know we have an exciting lineup of guest artists, including Robert Steven, Ryan Neil, Michael Hagedorn and David DeGroot.

Our workshops feature excellent material, and a couple of them are already filled after the early registrations at last fall's convention. People who want to take a workshop should register soon while space is still available.

Also this year we are planning a world class exhibit, and as an incentive for registrants to submit their best trees to the exhibit we are offering cash awards in various categories. The awards so far include:

First Runner Up:

300 from Inland Empire Bonsai Society
Gift Certificate from Telperion Farms

Second Runner Up:

\$200 from Inland Empire Bonsai Society
Gift Certificate from Telperion Farms

Wee Tree Farm Best Deciduous Tree in Show Award:

\$200 from Wee Tree Farms

Telperion Farms Best Pine in Show Award:

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Yukon Yamadori?



***"Don't try to make your tree look like a bonsai,
make your bonsai look like a tree."***

How to Renew Library Materials

If you have library materials checked out and will not be at the meeting when they are due to be returned, you can renew them. Simply call or e mail Barbara Devitt (bbd.jcgroup@yahoo.com or 503-764-8242) BEFORE THE DUE DATE and tell her you want to renew your items. That's all it takes. Just say "renew" and you are good to go!

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